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SUBJECT: HYDROGRAPHIC CONFERENCE IN MANILA

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1. HYDROGRAPHIC CONFERENCE HELD AUGUST 25 TO 27 IN MANILA WAS A PREPARATORY MEETING TO ORGANIZE THE PROPOSED SOUTH CHINA SEA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION (SCSHC) PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 28 OF THE 6TH UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL CARTOGRAPHIC CONFERENCE FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST HELD 1970 IN TEHRAN. THE COMMISSION WILL FOCUS ITS STUDY ON THE 246,000 SQUARE MILE SEA CONTAINING MANY LOW ISLETS, REEFS, AND SHOALS THROUGH WHICH THE MAIN SHIPPING ROUTES OF THE

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REGION LIE.

2. THE MEETING ADOPTED DRAFT STATUTES OF EIGHT ARTICLES WHICH ARE BEING SUBMITTED TO THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS FOR APPROVAL. THE STATUTES PROVIDE FOR CLOSE COORDINATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BODIES, INCLUDING A MANDATORY PROVISION TO INVITE TO SCSHC CONFERENCE "THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION (ICC) AND THE DIRECTING COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC BUREAU (IHB)."

3. ATTENDING WERE MALAYSIA, INDONESIA, THAILAND, AND THE PHILIPPINES. HEADS OF DELEGATIONS WERE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR NATIONAL MAPPING LEONG YIP SUN OF MALAYSIA; FIRST ADMIRAL DJAMHIR PARDJAMAN, CHIEF HYDROGRAPHER, INDONESIAN NAVY; READ ADMIRAL SOM AKSHARANUGRAHA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HYDROGRAPHIC DEPARTMENT, ROYAL THAI NAVY; AND COMMODORE JAYME PRESBITERO, BUREAU OF COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY, PHILIPPINES.

4. UNDER RESOLUTION 28 CITED ABOVE, THE PHILIPPINES WAS THE RESPONSIBLE SECRETARIAT FOR THE PREPARATORY MEETING BUT THE COMPETENT GOP AGENCY, THE BOARD OF TECHNICAL SURVEYS AND MAPS, WAS ABOLISHED IN 1973. IT WAS NOT UNTIL THIS YEAR THAT THE BUREAU OF COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY WAS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE OVER. BCGS THEN CORRESPONDED DIRECTLY WITH THE ABOVE THREE ATTENDEES AND SENT INVITATIONS TO THE SRV AND PRC THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THESE SEVEN COUNTRIES WERE LITTORAL STATES OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND THUS ELIGIBLE FOR PARTICIPATION UNDER RESOLUTION 28. SINGAPORE WAS NOT A PARTY TO THE RESOLUTION. THE SRV AND PRC REPLIED THROUGH THE DFA THAT THEY WOULD NOT SEND DELEGATIONS, NO REASON GIVEN.

5. COMMODORE PRESBITERO SAID THAT THE SCSHC IS A HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION AND SEEKS TO AVOID ANY AREAS OF CONTROVERSY, PARTICULARLY THE CONFLICTING TERRITORIAL CLAIMS. TO BE TRULY EFFECTIVE AND REGIONAL, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE SCSHC WOULD HAVE TO INCLUDE THE SRV AND PRC AS MEMBERS; OTHERWISE, IT WOULD BE LIMITED TO SURVEYS OF THE IMMEDIATE COASTAL AREAS OF THE MEMBER STATES.

6. EXCEPT FOR INFORMATION IN PARAS 3, 4 AND 5, MEETING WAS REPORTED IN MANILA PRESS AUGUST 31 AND SEPTEMBER 1.  
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